

Torrance, California.
March 14th., 1933.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, March 14th., 1933, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28th., 1933, be adopted. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Assemblyman John T. Rawls acknowledging receipt of letter sent to him together with copies of resolutions covering two bills now before the State Legislature and expressing his thanks for the reminder.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Bureau of County Welfare, disapproving provision of funds for parkings.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication and resolution from the Board of Supervisors petitioning Congress to amend the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act to permit use of funds for earthquake stricken areas in Southern California. City Engineer Leonard reported that the committee had investigated buildings that apparently had been most severely damaged by the disturbance and that the expense of putting them in safe condition would be approximately \$12,500.00. Councilman Conner moved that the City Engineer notify the Supervisors and state the amount of damage that the committee has appraised. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. E.C. Morford, 23842 Park Street, Welteria, California, in which application was made for liquor license. Councilman Ludlow moved this letter be placed on file for action at the proper time. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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Clerk Bartlett read a resolution from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce recommending that the representative of this city on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District be reimbursed for all expenses incurred by him in attending meetings of the Board. Councilman Conner moved that the City Clerk write a letter to our representative in the Metropolitan Water District informing him that it was the action of this Council that he send in a bill for mileage and meals. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Conner suggested a Mayor's Police Badge be purchased for our Mayor. No action was taken.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Geo. G. Key which was also read at the special emergency meeting held March 13, 1933. Councilman Conner moved that the City Clerk write a letter of thanks to Mr. Key and acknowledging his offer of assistance at any time his services may be required. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Engineer stated his attention had been called to the fact that inspection of chimneys had not been made where there was a break below the roof line and the city had been asked to take the matter up. The Attorney reported that, of course, the city, while it desired to protect all property, should be notified where there had been actual breaks in chimneys.

The reporter of the San Pedro News Pilot suggested that a Resolution be adopted by the Council and sent to Senators McAdoo and Couden with reference to the Naval Base to be established at San Pedro. Attorney Jensen thought it more appropriate for a communication to be forwarded to the Senators. Councilman Ludlow moved that the City Attorney draw up a communication and send it to the proper House Committee copies to be sent to Senators McAdoo and Couden. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Jensen read a Lease for one year of that portion of property lying south of Santa Fe right-of-way and also read an Option covering this piece of property. No action was taken.

Councilman Ludlow inquired whether or not there were any further developments in regard to the Pacific Electric right-of-way on Torrance Boulevard. Attorney Jensen reported that the necessary papers would be drawn up by the Pacific Electric Railway officials and would be forwarded to us for consideration.

Engineer Leonard reported in connection with Torrance Boulevard improvement, that deeds would be forwarded to Mr. O'Melveny of the Dominguez Estate Company and the Del Amo interests which would undoubtedly be executed within a very short time. The Engineer reported with reference to Cedar Avenue extension, that the matter had been referred to Mr. Isaac of the General Petroleum Corporation and that undoubtedly the matter would have attention within a short time.

Councilman Conner read Police report covering police operations for the month of February, 1933. Councilman Conner further stated he believed the Council owed a vote of thanks to every city employee who rendered his services during the quake.

Councilman Conner called attention to the condition of the sidewalk area in front of the American Legion Building, recent repairs to the Dominguez water line having made a dangerous condition. Engineer Leonard stated he believed the city should bear the expense of building a sidewalk in front of the property as the grade of the street had been changed after the pipe line had been laid. Further that the sidewalk did not extend the entire length of the Health Center frontage and that the County would possibly reimburse the city for the cost of completing their portion of the walk. Councilman Conner moved that the Engineer be instructed to get in touch with the

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proper authorities regarding the walk problem and recommend that the Street Department put in the walk. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Wright stated the Building Ordinance should be revised to take care of conditions that had been revealed by the earthquake and suggested that the Engineer make recommendations as to such changes.

Mayor Klusman read a document regarding a statement of his vote at a Metropolitan Sewer District meeting which was printed in the Torrance Herald, February 23, 1933. In this document he also requested that a motion referring to delegates attending Metropolitan Sewer District meetings, passed at a meeting of the Council February 28, 1933, be rescinded. No action was taken.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Conner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Conner, Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Ludlow reported we were about 3% to the good on our budget.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

A. H. Bassett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance.